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BELIZE COMMEMORATES 50 YEARS OF ROCK-SOLID EXCHANGE RATE STABILITY

Belize is commemorating 50 years of a rock-solid, fixed exchange rate pegged at BZ\$2.00 to US\$1.00. Kareem Michael, the Governor of the Central Bank of Belize considers the celebrated moment as more than simply a policy achievement. Michael emphasized that *"The Central Bank's commitment to this peg has protected national purchasing power and provided a reliable environment for investment. We celebrate this milestone by reaffirming our mandate to safeguard the value of our currency as the foundation for Belize's continued growth."*

Governor Michael's statement is in concert with Clause 6 of the Bank Act which states, "Within the context of the

economic policy of the Government, the Bank shall be guided in all its actions by objectives of fostering monetary stability, especially as regards the stability of the exchange rate and promoting credit conditions conducive to the growth of the economy of Belize."

Economic history indicates that the Belize Board of Commissioners established in 1894 and the colony, which was known as British Honduras first aligned its currency with the US dollar, at parity. A move reflective of the trade patterns with the United States. However, in 1949 the alignment was interrupted when the Belize dollar was pegged to the British pound.

Then, on May 11, 1976, a decision by the Belize Monetary Authority, the predecessor of the Central Bank of Belize, returned the US dollar peg following a period of externally imposed exchange rate volatility and successive devaluation of the sterling, which negatively impacted the value of the Belize dollar.

Presently, the Iran-Israel conflict is driving an inflationary crisis and has impacted the global economy, urging central banks to maintain credibility by prioritizing price stability. Belize has been confronted by external shocks, including global financial disruptions, tourism downturns, and natural disasters, but the rock-solid peg has provided the predictability required for long-term resilience. In the era of the COVID-19 pandemic, the fixed exchange rate faced significant pressure and the Belize dollar was on the brink of devaluation mainly due to the lack of financial stewardship by the UDP, Dean Barrow administration. Fortunately, the

PUP took control of the Government in a landslide victory on November 11, 2020.

Institutional discipline, prudent reserve management, and macroeconomic policies that were aligned with the system's requirements returned stability and predictability of the rate of exchange - the peg. As the commemoration of 50 years of a rock-solid fixed exchange rate, 2 BZD to 1 USD in the climate of global uncertainties Belize continues to maintain credibility creating an armour of resilience in confronting the challenges and existential economic threats from the geopolitical disorders.

Reiterating the words of the Governor of the Central Bank, Kareem Michael, *"We celebrate this milestone by reaffirming our mandate to safeguard the value of our currency as the foundation for Belize's continued growth", and the cornerstone of national development. According to the CBB release, "The fixed exchange rate arrangement places Belize among a small group of open economies that have sustained a long-standing currency peg even though decades of shifting global economic conditions."*

The 50 years of **rock-solid exchange rate stability** have served Belize *"as a stable monetary anchor for trade, investment, pricing, and financial planning."*

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Belmopan, May 14, 2026 release
The Cabinet met on 12th May 2026.

- Cabinet approved the introduction of amendments to the Criminal Code to provide that proceedings relating to sexual offences and cases involving the testimony of children be conducted in camera. This measure is being proposed because the public nature of court proceedings may expose victims, particularly children, to further trauma, intimidation, and social stigma.
- Cabinet gave its approval for legislation to be presented to the National Assembly to amend the Alternative Sentencing Act to broaden and clarify its scope and improve coherence and effectiveness.
- Cabinet discussed the implementation of the plan for the development of the National Bus Company and gave its approval for the Ministries of Transportation and Finance, to negotiate the financing for the procurement of electric buses as a part of the modernization of national transport.
- Cabinet endorsed the transition of an energy-efficient labeling scheme and the implementation of a mandatory program to develop minimum energy performance standards for selected appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and light bulbs. This initiative will be implemented through the Belize Bureau of Standards, which will oversee conformity assessment evaluation, registration, labelling issuance, and market surveillance.
- Cabinet gave its support for the launch of a new set of definitive stamps to be issued for the next five years. This new set of stamps, titled "Celebrating Belize," includes 11 stamps covering important aspects of history and events celebrated in Belize.
- With a view of strengthening Belize's wildlife governance framework, Cabinet approved measures to enhance wildlife enforcement and slow the decline of wildlife populations in Belize. This will include repealing and replacing the current Wildlife Protection Act of 1981 with a Wildlife Conservation and Management Bill, as well as approving a one-year moratorium on the hunting and capturing of the white-lipped peccary, yellow-headed Amazon parrot, and brown brocket deer.
- Cabinet endorsed the implementation of the Escazú Agreement roadmap. The roadmap identifies five key priority actions over the next three years to strengthen Belize's environmental governance in line with the principles of the Escazú Agreement.
- Cabinet approved a plan by the Ministry of Investment, working with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), to devise a Global Digital Services (GDS) Strategy aimed at transforming Belize's BPO industry into a sector integrating higher-tier services aligned with future GDS demands. The strategy seeks to position Belize as a dynamic provider of high-value creative and digital services by leveraging the Orange Economy as a catalyst for diversification. This vision aims to facilitate an enabling environment that nurtures innovation, brings Belizean digital products into the mass market, protects cultural and intellectual assets, strengthens digital infrastructure and skills, and supports the long-term growth of a globally competitive, inclusive, and future-ready digital services industry.
- Cabinet endorsed a proposal for the Government of Belize to partner with the Institute of Innovation and Growth and the Global Event Partners to host the first Belize International Energy Forum in September of this year. This Forum will bring together stakeholders to examine low-carbon development strategies aimed at achieving high shares of renewable electricity generation within a decade.
- Finally, Cabinet reminds all Belizean drivers and passengers to buckle up. Drive safely and responsibly.

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UDP Getting WORSE UNDER TRACY



The UDP, overwhelmingly rejected by the electorate in 2020, made absolutely no net gain in the 2025 general elections, remaining with the same number of seats (5) and losing by much wider margins in most constituencies. One year later, under their new leader, things are only getting worse.

Don't take our word for it. This is the assessment coming from their own supporters, including two former leaders and a former chairman of the UDP itself.

Patrick Faber, of door-kicking, head-butting, hammer-brandishing fame, who is presumably Tracy's most hopelessly devoted ally, conceded this week in a Facebook post that the UDP is in "a heavy mess", his words, not ours. Accompanying his post was the image of the largest land animal, depicting what he called the elephant in the room, which he characterized as "GREED, SELFISHNESS, BETRAYAL and DIVISION" within their party.

Faber made reference to, "Those who promised us gold at the end of the rainbow, yet emptied the Party's coffers and redirected contributors' money into their own accounts." Some are, of course, questioning whether that's an acknowledgement of betrayal by himself as a former leader and his current leader (Tracy), or a clumsy attempt to deflect blame to other former leaders of his party. But we will have to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Well, Alberto August, the outspoken former UDP Chairman, was neither vague nor coy in his own recent Facebook post.

He stated, "Tracy Panton campaigned, conspired, connived and contrived to lead the UDP...Panton was eventually endorsed as Leader of the Party. The Party has since been steadily going downhill...No immediate inflow of finances as promised with the departure of Shyne Barrow...Mother's Day is here, and not a single dime from the Party is reaching any caretaker to organize Mother's Day programs. Caretakers are being told to sell BBQ to raise municipal campaign funds."

Indeed, so disappointing Tracy's leadership has been to UDP caretakers, organizers and supporters that they seem to be finding redeeming value in Shyne Barrow,

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Education begins at birth, shaped by those who nurture us. Human learning relies on both informal and formal guidance, and every person's educational journey is unique—even for twins. How we learn depends on our individual circumstances: the person, environment, family, teachers, and community all play a part. The essence of educational success is learning how to learn, empowering us to reach our highest potential within our means. Reading stands out as a powerful tool for societal education. To strengthen education collectively, we should prioritise reading deeply, not just surface-level content, and share literacy skills with others. Modern education requires capturing information quickly and digesting it to apply effectively in life.

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world," said Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa. Thirteen years after his death, his call to action still resonates in Belize. The Ministry of Education recently echoed Mandela's belief in the transformative power of education. For Mandela, reading paved his way to empowerment. While imprisoned, he used education as his tool to oppose apartheid, South Africa's system of institutionalised racial discrimination. Books became vital for his resistance and mental freedom during his unjust 27 years in prison. After gaining his freedom, he shared a Nobel Prize with his opponent, then-President Frederik Willem de Klerk, and later became president himself in 1994. Mandela's life proves that education can be our tool for overcoming adversity, whether it is oppression or poverty.

This year, the education sector, led by Hon. Francis Fonseca, took a significant step forward with the official launch of the Belize Education Sector Plan (BESPlan) 2.0 for 2026–2030. This plan outlined a comprehensive roadmap to transform learning and expand access nationwide. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology outlined the plan's priorities and long-term vision in helping us gain the peaceful weapon needed to defeat poverty. The plan was not intended as policy directions but as a shared national commitment to quality instruction across all levels of the education system, laced with accountability and transparency to make education work in Belize. As a society, Belizeans have always attached great importance to education. The world is credibly projecting that Belize will be at 15 per cent multidimensional poverty in 2026-2027. This is a Briceño planBelize team success story, as in 2021, Belize was over 36 per cent. All credit for leading goes to the PUP administration, and all credit for doing the hard work and knowing how to use the powerful weapon goes to the Belizean people.

The BESPlan 2.0's central focus is expanding equitable access to education, as demonstrated by the Education Upliftment Project (EUP), which has grown from 23 to 27 schools and now serves approximately 14,000 students. This increased investment drives improved educational quality and outcomes nationwide, reflecting the government's commitment to free secondary education for all students in government schools. By directly easing financial burdens for over 8,500 families, the EUP makes a targeted push against poverty. Complementing this, the National Healthy Start Feeding Program now serves 20,000 students daily, with plans to reach over 35,000 annually, while expanded school transportation and new fuel subsidies further support student access. These initiatives underscore the government's role as a partner in the fight against poverty.

BESPlan 2.0 drives transformation: ensuring children stay in school, receive support, and succeed. It features technology and innovation, notably the connection of 80 per cent of primary and secondary schools. This fosters curiosity, exploration, and classroom innovation. The plan aligns Belize's education system with global standards while meeting local needs, signalling a push for equity and effectiveness. BESPlan 2.0 empowers Belizeans with education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

Education is not just about classrooms and textbooks—it is the force that builds futures, nurtures dreams, and strengthens communities. As we celebrate Education Week, we affirm the theme: "Building Tomorrow's Dreams on the Foundations of Today's Education." We honour the dedication of teachers, students, parents, administrators, managers, and government officials, all who shape tomorrow's citizens. Today, access to education empowers everyone with a peaceful, transformative tool for progress.

Belize, let us celebrate Education Week 2026 as a testament to our shared commitment to learning and progress. May we continue to invest in education, uphold our dreams, and build a brighter future for every Belizean.

*en Español*LA EDUCACIÓN DE
HOY, LOS SUEÑOS
DEL MAÑANA

La educación comienza al nacer y se ve moldeada por quienes nos cuidan. El aprendizaje humano se basa tanto en la orientación informal como en la formal, y el recorrido educativo de cada persona es único, incluso entre gemelos. La forma en que aprendemos depende de nuestras circunstancias individuales: la persona, el entorno, la familia, los profesores y la comunidad desempeñan un papel fundamental. La esencia del éxito educativo reside en aprender a aprender, lo que nos permite alcanzar nuestro máximo potencial dentro de nuestras posibilidades. La lectura se destaca como una herramienta poderosa para la educación social. Para fortalecer la educación de manera colectiva, debemos priorizar la lectura profunda, no solo el contenido superficial, y compartir las habilidades de alfabetización con los demás. La educación moderna requiere captar información rápidamente y asimilarla para aplicarla de manera efectiva en la vida.

«La educación es el arma más poderosa que podemos utilizar para cambiar el mundo», dijo Nelson Mandela, el primer presidente negro de Sudáfrica. Trece años después de su muerte, su llamamiento a la acción sigue resonando en Belice. El Ministerio de Educación se ha hecho eco recientemente de la creencia de Mandela en el poder transformador de la educación. Para Mandela, la lectura le allanó el camino hacia el empoderamiento. Mientras estuvo encarcelado, utilizó la educación como herramienta para oponerse al apartheid, el sistema de discriminación racial institucionalizada en Sudáfrica. Los libros se convirtieron en algo vital para su resistencia y su libertad mental durante sus 27 años injustos en prisión. Tras recuperar su libertad, compartió el Premio Nobel con su oponente, el entonces presidente Frederik Willem de Klerk, y más tarde llegó a ser presidente él mismo en 1994. La vida de Mandela demuestra que la educación puede ser nuestra herramienta para superar la adversidad, ya sea la opresión o la pobreza.

Este año, el sector educativo, liderado por el Hon. Francis Fonseca, dio un importante paso adelante con la presentación oficial del Plan del Sector Educativo de Belice (BESPlan) 2.0 para el periodo 2026-2030. Este plan esboza una hoja de ruta integral para transformar el aprendizaje y ampliar el acceso a la educación en todo el país. El Ministerio de Educación, Cultura, Ciencia y Tecnología esbozó las prioridades y la visión a largo plazo del plan para ayudarnos a obtener el arma pacífica necesaria para derrotar a la pobreza. El plan no pretendía ser una serie de directrices políticas, sino un compromiso nacional compartido con una enseñanza de calidad en todos los niveles del sistema educativo, entrelazado con la rendición de cuentas y la transparencia para que la educación funcione en Belice. Como sociedad, los beliceños siempre han otorgado gran importancia a la educación. El mundo prevé con confianza que Belice alcanzará un 15 % de pobreza multidimensional en 2026-2027. Esta es una historia de éxito del equipo Briceño del planBelice, ya que en 2021 Belice superó el 36 %. Todo el mérito por liderar recae en la administración del PUP, y todo el mérito por realizar el arduo trabajo y saber cómo utilizar esta poderosa arma recae en el pueblo beliceño.

El eje central del BESPlan 2.0 es ampliar el acceso equitativo a la educación, como lo demuestra el Proyecto de Mejora de la Educación (EUP), que ha pasado de 23 a 27 escuelas y ahora atiende a aproximadamente 14 000 estudiantes. Este aumento de la inversión impulsa la mejora de la calidad y los resultados educativos en todo el país, lo que refleja el compromiso del Gobierno con la educación secundaria gratuita para todos los estudiantes de las escuelas públicas. Al aliviar directamente la carga financiera de más de 8.500 familias, el EUP supone un impulso específico contra la pobreza. Como complemento, el Programa Nacional de Alimentación «Healthy Start» atiende ahora a 20.000 estudiantes al día, con planes de llegar a más de 35.000 al año, mientras que la ampliación del transporte escolar y los nuevos subsidios para el combustible facilitan aún más el acceso de los estudiantes. Estas iniciativas subrayan el papel del Gobierno como socio en la lucha contra la pobreza.

BESPlan 2.0 impulsa la transformación: garantiza que los niños permanezcan en la escuela, reciban apoyo y alcancen el éxito. Incorpora tecnología e innovación, en particular la conexión en el 80 % de las escuelas de primaria y secundaria. Esto fomenta la curiosidad, la exploración y la innovación en el aula. El plan alinea el sistema educativo de Belice con los estándares globales al tiempo que satisface las necesidades locales, lo que supone un impulso hacia la equidad y la eficacia. El BESPlan 2.0 empodera a los beliceños con una educación adaptada a las necesidades de hoy y a las oportunidades del mañana.

La educación no se limita a las aulas y los libros de texto: es la fuerza que construye el futuro, alimenta los sueños y fortalece las comunidades. Al celebrar la Semana de la Educación, reafirmamos el lema: «Construir los sueños del mañana sobre los cimientos de la educación de hoy». Rendimos homenaje a la dedicación de los docentes, los estudiantes, los padres, los administradores, los gestores y los funcionarios del Gobierno, todos ellos artífices de los ciudadanos del mañana. Hoy en día, el acceso a la educación dota a todos de una herramienta pacífica y transformadora para el progreso.

Belice, celebremos la Semana de la Educación 2026 como testimonio de nuestro compromiso compartido con el aprendizaje y el progreso. Que sigamos invirtiendo en educación, defendiendo nuestros sueños y construyendo un futuro más brillante para todos los beliceños.



Corozal Town WORKS CONTINUE ENDLESSLY



Mayor Rigo and Team



In 2018, when the people of Belize decided that the PUP and John Briceño will form the next government of Belize there was a municipal election that gave Mayor Rigo Vellos and the PUP the first of the current three consecutive terms of CTC office. In 2024, the people again overwhelmingly were Right Pan Track with the PUP of Corozal Town. There have been many challenges leftover from the previous UDP administration including legal issues and back payments to who can only be called UDP cronies. The Mayor took on the challenge and overcame them.

Today, Mayor Rigo and Team can be seen all over Corozal focusing on street repair, upgrading, and matching them with the all necessary drains, signage and upkeep.

The potential of Corozal as a shining Tourist destination that could haul Mexican tourists is still there and that is one of the objectives as places like the Chactemal plaza have received much effort from the present administration.

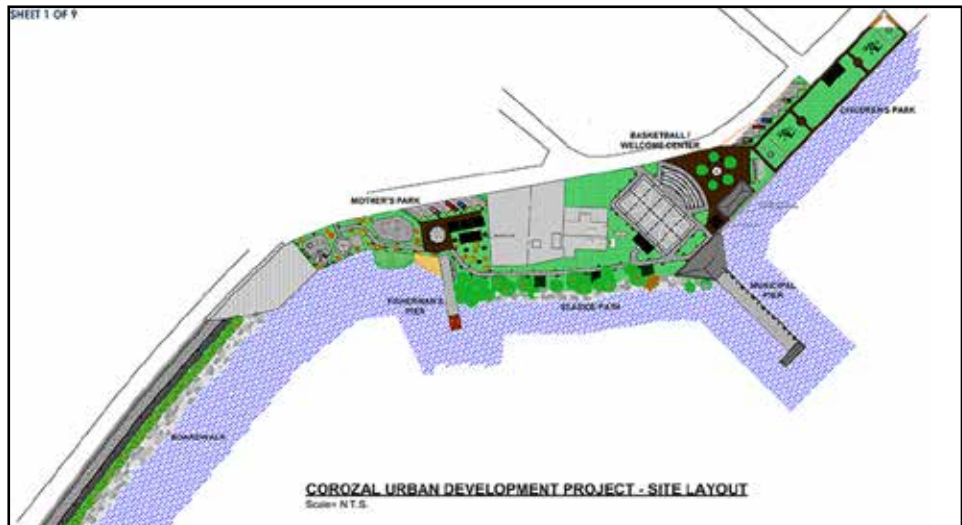
There is much that pictures can say but there is much more that can be seen by Belizians who stop by for the Corozal tamales and burritos. We should all take more time to go around the Corozal Town to see upgrades.

Collaboration with the Area Representative Thea Garcia Ramirez has been key in upgrades to the Central Park, the Maya Head Roundabout, lighting of the shoreline and others. As with the other PUP municipalities with a PUP Area Representative(s), working in tandem has led to greater success.

The 2024-2027 team (PUP) serving the citizens of our Corozal along with Mayor Rigo are Deputy Mayor: Marleni Tapia; Councillors: Rodolfo Narvaez, Otoniel "Otto" Riveroll, Miguel Montalvo, Leslie Rodriguez, and Baldemar Pech Jr.

Infrastructure

Corozal Town is known for its peacefulness, its Bay, and its food. As more Mexican tourists come to shore they want nice roads and a place that would excite. For Belize, Corozal Town is a great invite to the rest of the country—first impressions. The Mayor and team along with Central government are making sure that Corozaleños have an even nicer town that is economically bustling at all times.



A Town Council Involved



Collaboration w/ Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez & Central GoB



Strengthening Climate Preparedness

GOAL: HIGHER STATE OF READINESS

May 13, 2026 - As Belize faces the growing realities of climate change, the Government of Belize is stepping up efforts to prepare communities, farmers, and emergency responders for what experts warn could be a challenging year marked by drought, heat, flooding, and the ongoing threat of hurricanes.

From expanding early warning systems to strengthening emergency response teams and supporting vulnerable farmers ahead of expected dry conditions, authorities say the country is moving from reactive disaster management to a more proactive and science-driven approach.

In March, the National Meteorological Service brought together local and international stakeholders for a multi-hazard early warning systems workshop aimed at improving how Belize prepares for climate-related events before they happen.

Senior Climatologist Shanae Young explained that, *“At the MET office, we traditionally provide weather forecasts, but we’re in the process of moving towards impact-based forecasts, not just telling people if it’s going to rain or be hot, but how it will affect them.”* Young pointed out that this initiative is focused on developing impact-based forecasting systems capable of warning specific communities about risks such as flooding, drought, heatwaves, severe thunderstorms, and strong winds.

The workshop, supported by the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, Columbia University, and the Korean government, is helping Belize create hazard maps and establish rainfall thresholds that could trigger early warnings for communities vulnerable to flooding or other climate impacts.

The government is also moving aggressively to prepare for the 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season, which officially begins on June 1.

Minister of Public Service and Disaster Risk Management Henry Charles Usher met with officials from the National Emergency Management Organization to assess national readiness.

With discussions focused on reviewing emergency procedures, improving coordination, assessing available supplies, and updating the country’s hurricane shelter network. Authorities also plan to inspect shelters nationwide to identify repairs and upgrades before peak storm activity begins.

At the same time, Belize is preparing for another serious threat: drought.

Forecasts from the National Meteorological Service indicate below-average rainfall and the likely development of El Niño conditions later this year, raising concerns for the agricultural sector, especially in northern and western Belize.

In response, the Ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with the World Food Programme and the National Meteorological Service, activated Belize’s Anticipatory Action mechanism for drought. The initiative will provide targeted cash assistance to pre-identified small farmers in Orange Walk, Corozal, and Cayo Districts before conditions worsen.

Minister Usher stated, *“This anticipatory action mechanism is being triggered now, and it is to assist farmers in three districts; they will receive assistance ahead of the prolonged drought.”*

The support will allow farmers to invest in water storage systems, irrigation supplies, and drought-resistant seeds to protect crops and livelihoods during the expected dry spell.

Chief Meteorological Officer Ronald Gordon warned that Belize could experience severe climate extremes this year. *“We are expecting this year to be a very difficult and challenging year, especially in the agricultural sector.”*

Although forecasts suggest a slightly below-normal hurricane season, Gordon cautioned that residents should not become complacent.

“It takes only one hurricane to affect us; definitely, it is a season for people to look out for climate extremes, drought, and potentially significant rainfall events.”

Meanwhile, communities in Orange Walk are also taking preparedness into their own hands through newly launched Community Emergency Response Teams. Residents of San Antonio and Santa Cruz villages are now undergoing training in first aid, shelter management, search and rescue, and disaster response under a NEMO-led initiative aimed at strengthening local resilience.

The program reflects a broader national effort to ensure communities are equipped to respond quickly during emergencies before outside assistance arrives.

As Belize prepares for months of uncertain weather, we continue urging the public to take personal responsibility for preparedness. Residents are encouraged to update family emergency plans, monitor official weather information, conserve water wherever possible, and inspect household plumbing and pipes to ensure there are no leaks that could waste precious water supplies during the expected drought conditions. - EF

UDP Getting WORSE

UNDER TRACY

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of all people, who has been emboldened to start showing himself again in UDP circles.

“I’ve been making my rounds across the country; and throughout the length and breadth, all people I’ve engaged with, particularly UDP’s, are distraught with the performance of the current Leader of the Opposition,” he posted on his Facebook Page. *“The people have no hope in the current UDP as a viable alternative to the Government of the day. They find the Pantón UDP as nothing more than the archaic rot of political pigs at the trough waiting for their turn to feast off the Belizean people,”* he added.

The harsh reality for the current Opposition party is that this PUP administration, under the leadership of Prime Minister John Briceño, has been so efficient in managing the affairs of the nation and so responsive in attending the needs of the people, virtually no one has any appetite for any version of the UDP.

But, for those of us who believe a viable Opposition is an essential component of a functioning democracy, let’s hope a new UDP leader emerges soon. Recent developments within their party, particularly the Western Caucus, strongly suggest such a move is well underway. Keep your popcorn close.

As to their outgoing Leader, she could perhaps save face by heeding the advice of their former Chairman, Alberto, who asserted in another Facebook post, *“The Party wants no more excuses. You wanted the job. You begged for the job. You said you could handle the job. You said that you could find the funds to run the Party. You now have the job...It’s been almost six months of excuses. The party is tired of excuses. Roll the funds and everything else, including the much touted ‘RESET’ and ‘UNITY’...Municipal Elections are here in 296 days...Roll the promised funds...If you can’t roll the funds, then step aside before it is too late!”*

(In case you’re wondering why all the remarks from UDP leaders, past and present, are sourced from Facebook posts, the reality is that the current Opposition Party exists almost exclusively on social media, not in the streets, nor the highways or byways throughout our communities. Only representatives from the incumbent John Briceño PUP Administration you will find in those areas.)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING FIRM)

Consultancy Service for Institutional Strengthening for Supplier Development and Linkage Facilitation

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize
Process ID: BL-L1040 – P00042
Duration: Nine (9) Months
Deadline: **June 2, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP).

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to procure the services of a Consulting Firm to undertake the **“Consultancy Service for Institutional Strengthening for Supplier Development and Linkage Facilitation”**.

The Ministry of Finance invites interested firms to access the full version of this REOI online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING FIRM)

Development of a Public Service Digital Reskilling Policy and a Comprehensive Change Management Framework

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039-P00049
Deadline: **May 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project - Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project proceeds to procure consulting services (“the Services”) from a qualified firm for the **“Development of a Public Service Digital Reskilling Policy and a Comprehensive Change Management Framework.”**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested firms to access the extended version of this REOI online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-development-of-a-public-service-digital-reskilling-policy-and-a-comprehensive-change-management-framework-consulting-firm-bl-11039-p00049-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the instructions provided in the extended version.

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BL-L1043

Construction (Supply & Install) of 100k US Gallon Concrete Clear Well

1. This RFB follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project publicized as of 13th April 2026.
2. Belize Water Services Limited has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of Water Supply & Modernization Program and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for Construction (Supply & Install) of 100k US Gallon Concrete Clear Well.
3. The Belize Water Services Limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction (Supply & Install) of 100k US Gallon Concrete Clear Well at the Dangriga WTP. The delivery/construction period is 365 days from Start Date as specified in ITB 5.4 (k).
4. The RFB will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the bidding document.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Belize Water Services Limited, Mr. Leonardo Folgarait, Procurement Specialist at rce@bws.com.bz
6. Qualification requirements include: copies of original documents defining the constitution, Power of Attorney, experience in works of similar nature and size for the past 5 years and other information as requested in the RFB document ITB 5.
7. A complete set of the bidding document in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below. The bidding document will be sent by email.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m. 20th May 2026. Electronic bidding "shall not" be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically at 2:15 p.m. 20th May 2026 in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line.
9. All bids "shall" be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of 3% of bid price in BZE Dollars or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
10. The address referred to above is: Mr. Leonardo Folgarait, Procurement Specialist, Belize Water Services Limited, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.

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HPV Vaccination A Parental Informed Choice

On May 5, a story was reported and divulged via the media that the Catholic Diocese issued a press release stating that they, “will not permit any health officials or medical personnel to conduct HPV vaccination programmes on the grounds of our Catholic schools”. The resulting discussion was exactly what the media wanted.

A problem with how this HPV purported message was handled was that it allowed the unscrupulous media to go at more advertisement dollars and put it out as a fight. Browse the Catholic Diocese FB page and nothing can be found on the HPV issue. The reports put that the Belize Diocese probably erred in ensuring that it highlighted the importance in Parental Choice. Putting out a decree that is not even backed by Rome is particularly weak and was fertile ground for the sensationalist desirous media. The media generally ignores Church issues but is ready to throw bitterness up in the air. Anything to look sensational is good for the media.

This vaccine has been approved in the USA in 2006 and scientific data already shows 90 per cent anti-cancer when taken early in life. Parental raising of children is always pushed and there has always been a chastity message whenever needed.

The question still is “did the media drop the ball on this one?” A search of the Catholic release in 2026 is not there. The church leadership was in Rome at the time meeting with Pope Leo XIV.

Being specific, all schools in Belize send noted to parents requesting signed permission for any move involving the children. For example, the Ministry provides worm pills but they need a parent/guardian signed note. If the students will be taken to a venue out of school, the school needs a note. Of course, Parental choice is all important.

As this story was going to print the Catholic Diocese of Belize City and Belmopan issued a statement on the HPV issue: “The Catholic Church supports parents as the primary decision-makers for their children’s healthcare. The Church affirms the value of the HPV vaccine and recognizes that it is ethically acceptable but does not consider a standardized school-based vaccination model to be the most appropriate approach for a sexually transmitted infection. The Church’s concerns are not about the vaccine itself, but about proportionality, parental rights, informed consent, and the sensitive moral context surrounding a sexually transmitted infection.” (Full statement at <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseOfBelize>)

The May 14 statement does not directly address the use of the Catholic Schools campuses for HPV vaccinations. It did say that they will work with the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

Hon. Rossana Briceño, Special Envoy May 11th release:

The Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children continues to support the health, and well-being of Belizean children and families through awareness, and prevention. The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect children from HPV-related diseases, including cervical cancer. By vaccinating children early, we are helping to protect future generations from a disease that has caused immeasurable pain to families across Belize.

While some individuals and religious institutions may have concerns about the HPV vaccine, protecting children from a preventable disease must remain a national priority. Therefore, we call on communities, families, parents, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, and leaders across Belize to stand united in safeguarding women and girls from this preventable disease and to support efforts that advance a healthier and more protected future for all.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness via it Facebook page

The MoHW shared the Belize Cancer Society May 13 release. Here is the Cancer Society’s position.

BELIZE CANCER SOCIETY RESPONDS TO RECENT DIOCESAN STATEMENT ON HPV VACCINATION

The Belize Cancer Society acknowledges with grave concern the recent statement issued by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize City and Belmopan regarding HPV vaccination activities on Catholic school compounds. The statement appears to differ from the collaborative position outlined in the Diocese’s 2016 correspondence, which was issued in a letter to the Catholic Community and the Belize Cancer Society. This is indeed regrettable since Cervical Cancer has been designated as a major public health issue that requires national implementation of the HPV vaccine.

As an organization dedicated to advocacy, public awareness campaigns, cancer prevention, and control initiatives, it is important to provide clarity and context on the long-standing national efforts surrounding HPV awareness and cervical cancer prevention in Belize.

In 2016, the Belize Cancer Society, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, engaged in nationwide consultations and educational discussions with leaders of the Catholic Church and Schools, administrators, principals, teachers, and parents regarding the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Following those discussions, the Roman Catholic Chancery issued an official letter dated November 21, 2016, signed by Bishop Dorick M. Wright and Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Glancy.

That communication recognized the HPV vaccine as an important tool in protecting young women from HPV-related cervical cancer and stated that the Catholic Church and Catholic Public Schools Management had agreed to collaborate with the Ministry of Health and the Belize Cancer Society in facilitating access to the vaccine within Catholic public schools. The letter also emphasized parental education, informed consent, and respect for the right of parents to choose whether or not their child would receive the vaccine.

The Belize Cancer Society remains steadfast in its commitment to evidence-based public health initiatives that save lives and reduce the burden of cancer in Belize. Cervical cancer continues to be one of the leading cancers affecting Belizean women, despite being largely preventable through vaccination, screening, and early detection.

We respect the significant role the Church plays in Belizean society. However, our children and citizens should not be denied their “rights” to access public health programs that can prevent cervical cancer. Citizens of Belize are entitled to health policies and decisions that are grounded in science, for the protection, health, and well-being of our nation’s children and families.

The HPV vaccine has been widely used internationally with tremendous success and continues to be supported by global medical and public health organizations as a safe and effective means of preventing several HPV-related cancers.

The Belize Cancer Society remains committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders — including healthcare professionals, educators, faith leaders, parents, and community organizations. Our goal is to ensure that Belizean families have access to accurate information on prevention and control of cervical cancer that allows them to make informed decisions on the HPV vaccine, and to emphasize that the HPV VACCINE is a proven method of preventing Cervical Cancer.

The Belize Cancer Society | President and Board of Directors



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Looking Forward to Tickets and more

Dear Editor,

This is me again....As a commuter for the most of that last 24 years, I wish to see our buses improve. I still think that the threshold of years which is seven or so is insulting to commuters. Why can it not be FIVE? Or less? Anything on the highway that takes an hour should be of the highest standards.

I have been in buses in other countries and they even have toilets as we had buses like this before.....(not the best in terms of odor) but the concept is the following: If the bus will be long on the road, then comfort is important.

Today, I rode on one that obviously couldn't go faster and if it could, it was stealing commuter's time so that it could maximize passengers. I see it like this, old buses use Belizean citizens time and health to make money and do so unapologetically. Of course, I see the National Bus Company with a plan for October – November change. I can hardly wait to buy a ticket. Let me add that ALL municipalities should have buses coming out of them. Waiting to see if the incoming bus from a village of the previous town will have a ticket is counterproductive to Belize. Memba how we used to waste time at vital stats and other places, digitalization needs to come to ticketing.

A lil note: What is an EXPRESS bus? I haven't seen an 'express' bus since maybe twenty years ago. The concept of an Express run can work only with a ticketing system. I would say terminal to terminal is an Express bus...and then you can put in that buses ONLY stop at certain bus stops. Hey, the Electric buses are doing it in Belize City.

It HURTS a lot in the pocket and the soul to have our government be so good with these Bus Owners left over by the UDP with their lawyer and ex PM. Shameless people...

It HURTS to have to pay 1 or 2 dollars more depending on the conductor that knows you. And get the same old service.

It HURTS to know that THREE of my taxpayer dollars is going to buses that have no accountability.

Certain buses are even using crude diesel that apparently is so cheap that they can ignore the subsidized imported diesel. Some use Mexican diesel also.

I would say that the buses are making a windfall with the government subsidy as they were still functional. Nonfunctioning businesses usually shut down. I didn't see in the deal that when the fuel prices go back down, that the prices would revert. Sad!

Who was charged for illegally blocking the roads?? Were they fined? Next time, we should just impound the buses.

Message to the government, the commuters are much more in number. Protect them and make the bus owners pay.

Certain terminal KEEPS the buses out if they are late...even a few minutes. This is a UDP leftover policy. The terminal staff.... Tells the people, something to the effect....u have to get the bus outside. Darn..... At that same terminal I have been confronted more than twice by male staff. I could have easily escalated to violece but I just listened. Now...I am the taxpaying customer but need to listen to MY PUP openvote workers threaten me.

Back to buses being late...IDEA, if they are late, record it, write them, after a few(You guys focus on the number) put in consequences). BUT the commuters should not PAY again for their bad.

Lately I haven't seen much of standees. I am not sure why. Price? Riders/commuters choosing NBC that have the same old prices? I have my eyes open to this.

Looking forward to the new buses and system after October.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing this in the paper,

Sincerely,
PUP Commuter



Questions Demand Clear Answers

Dear Editor,

The recent press conference by Indian Creek Alcalde Marcus Canti has raised more questions than it answered. While the reported abduction and assault are serious matters deserving attention, the public is left wondering why it took nearly three weeks for a formal statement to be made, especially given the gravity of the allegations.

Transparency matters. If Mr. Canti stated that he could identify some of the voices involved, the public deserves to know whether any arrests or charges have followed. If not, why not? These are not unreasonable questions—they are necessary ones.

The circumstances surrounding the incident also remain unclear. Where exactly did it occur? Who was involved? Were demands made? What was the motive? These are critical details that should

help the public better understand the situation, yet much remains unanswered.

This controversy also cannot be separated from the wider tensions in Indian Creek, where disputes over land and leadership have created deep division. In moments like this, leadership requires openness and accountability, not carefully scripted statements that leave communities with more doubt than confidence.

The people of Indian Creek and Belize as a whole deserve clarity. Silence and uncertainty only deepen mistrust.

Looking forward to ICJ result putting away all claims from Guatemala to Belize that belongs to Belizeans.

Sincerely,
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NCC Makes Contribution to Carnival Bands

7th May 2026



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Construction works within Haulover Creek in Belize City

Release date: May 13, 2026

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing hereby advises the public of the commencement of works for temporary bridge crossings at two locations in Belize City.

The first temporary bridge crossing is being constructed near the Belcan Bridge, extending between the Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) parking lot on the south side and the vacant lot adjacent to Save U Store on the north side.

Construction of a second temporary bridge crossing, near to the Swing Bridge between the Bottom Dollar Parking area and Regent Street West, is scheduled to commence during the week of May 18, 2026.

Works at both locations generally include:

- Driving of foundation piles
- Placement of bridge girders
- Construction of reinforced concrete deck structures
- Associated marine and support works

To facilitate construction activities, barges and other marine equipment may be positioned within the Haulover Creek and may remain in place until work is completed.

These temporary bridge structures are being constructed to maintain public access and traffic circulation during the planned reconstruction of the Swing Bridge and Belcan Bridge later this year. MIDH advises all Mariners and users of the Haulover Creek that active construction zones will be in effect at both locations. As such, ALL marine vessels are hereby advised that a NO WAKE ZONE will be enforced for approximately 200 feet on either side of each construction area.

Operators of marine vessels and all users of the Haulover Creek are asked to:

- Exercise caution when navigating through work zones.
- Observe all posted signage and safety instructions.
- Reduce speed and comply with the NO WAKE restrictions.
- Remain attentive to construction personnel and equipment.
- Extend courtesy and cooperation with workers on site.

The Ministry thanks the public and the maritime community for their patience, understanding and cooperation as we work to modernize and improve the nation's infrastructure.

ENDS

PUBLIC NOTICE (May 12)

REMOVAL OF ROADSIDE SIGNS AND MEMORIALS

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing informs the general public that works from Belize City to Hatfieldville under the George Price Highway Upgrading Project are actively progressing.

The public is advised that business signs and roadside memorials located within the road reserve, including crosses and other commemorative markers, will need to be removed. We recognize the personal significance of these memorials and are committed to handling this process with the utmost respect and sensitivity.

Removals must be completed by June 12, 2026, in preparation for construction works.

Following the completion of the project, interested parties must reapply to the MIDH for the re-installation of private signs within the road reserve.

The Ministry sincerely appreciates the understanding and cooperation of the public as we work to improve the safety and quality of our highways.

For further information on the project, please contact the Project Execution Unit at 614- 3195. End

PUBLIC ADVISORY

FRAUDULENT EMAILS IMPERSONATING FIU STAFF

May 13, 2026 - The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) wishes to alert the general public of fraudulent emails being circulated by individuals falsely claiming to represent FIU's staff or using email addresses that may appear to originate from the FIU email domain.

These emails may include FIU's staff names, titles, logos, signatures, or other details designed to make the communication appear legitimate. In some cases, the messages may refer to loan approvals, loans being granted, financial assistance, payments, banking details, or other financial matters or transactions.

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CONTRACT AWARD INFORMATION - WORKS

EIGHTH ROAD PROJECT (GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY: BELIZE CITY TO HATTIEVILLE)

1. Bids Prices:

Names of Bidders Submitting Bids	Country Of Registration	Bid Prices (BZD) [CORRECTED Bid Prices (BZD)]	Bid Prices (USD) [CORRECTED Bid Prices (USD)]
Belize Roadway Construction Ltd.	Belize	\$64,000,000.80 [No corrections]	\$32,000,000.40 [No corrections]
Cisco Construction Ltd.	Belize	\$65,499,020.00 [No corrections]	\$32,749,510.00 [No corrections]
Imer Hernandez Development Company Ltd.	Belize	\$69,836,955.00 [No corrections]	\$34,918,477.50 [No corrections]
Namalco Construction Services Ltd.	Trinidad & Tobago	\$89,959,272.24 [\$89,957,733.91]	\$44,979,636.12 [\$44,978,866.95]

2. Number of Bids Rejected: One (non-responsive)

3. Winning Bidder and Contract Sum:

Contractor	Country Of Registration	Contract Sum (BZD)	Contract Sum (USD)
Cisco Construction Ltd.	Belize	\$65,499,020.00	\$32,749,510.00

4. Commencement Date of Contract: 27 April 2026.

5. Duration of Contract: 42 months (30 months construction + 12-month defects notification period).

6. Summary Scope of Contract:

Civil Works will include:

- Replacement of the existing Burdon Canal Bridge with a new structure designed to AASHTO HL-93 standards: a two-lane, single-span, prestressed concrete girder bridge, with pedestrian walkways on both sides and scour-protection works at abutments.
- Replacement of existing Hector Creek Bridge with a new structure designed to AASHTO HL-93 standards: a two-lane, single-span, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge, with pedestrian walkways on both sides and scour protection works at abutments.
- Rehabilitation and upgrading of the roadway, including construction of a 7.2 m-wide carriageway with 2 m-wide hard shoulders on both sides, including a 250 mm-thick sub-base course, a 200 mm-thick base course, and a 50 mm-thick concrete wearing course, along with the construction of concrete sidewalks.
- Construction of 16 formalized bus stops with shelters and pedestrian crossing facilities.
- Installation and rehabilitation of culverts and associated drainage infrastructure, including slope protection.
- Provision and installation of road safety furniture (guardrails, road studs, line marking and signage)
- Provision and installation of solar / LED roadway lighting.

Note: Procurement Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB).

Honoring Mothers Across Belize

From bustling town centers to quiet villages, communities across Belize came together over the Mother's Day weekend to celebrate the women whose love, sacrifice, and strength continue to shape families and communities nationwide. Across Corozal, Orange Walk, Belize District, Cayo, Stann Creek, and Toledo, thousands of mothers were honored through banquets, concerts, giveaways, family gatherings, and community celebrations that highlighted appreciation for the role mothers play in everyday life.

In Corozal Bay, more than five hundred prizes, entertainment, and a turkey dinner helped create what was described as a memorable celebration during Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez's third annual Mother's Day banquet. Mothers from across the constituency gathered for an afternoon filled with laughter and heartfelt tributes. Thanks to the many volunteers and community groups who helped make the event possible, emphasizing that mothers remain "the heart of our homes and communities."

Nearby in Calcutta Village, over two hundred mothers attended a community celebration hosted with support from local sponsors and village leaders. Residents described the evening as one that strengthened unity and brought families together in appreciation of mothers. In San Joaquin, preparations were underway for a special celebration at the community center featuring gifts, surprises, and entertainment dedicated to mothers across the village.

Corozal Town's celebrations are also continuing beyond Mother's Day weekend. Mayor Rigo Vellos and the Corozal Town Council announced a special program scheduled for May 17 at Mother's Park, where mothers will be treated to games, giveaways, and live entertainment.

In Orange Walk District, villages and town councils also hosted large gatherings recognizing mothers for their sacrifices and dedication. In Santa Cruz Village, hot meals were delivered directly to mothers throughout the community as a gesture of appreciation. Trial Farm Village hosted a packed celebration featuring games, prizes, refreshments, and family activities, while the Orange Walk Town Council held its annual Mother's Day event at Central Park with live performances, raffles, and a community dance.

Community leaders across Orange Walk also used the occasion to thank mothers for their tireless commitment to their families. One message shared widely throughout the district described mothers as "the soul of so many families and the engine that keeps everything going."

In Belize City, area representatives and community organizations hosted large-scale events throughout several divisions. In Collet, families gathered for an afternoon dedicated to celebrating mothers through music, fellowship, and appreciation. Port Loyola's annual Mother's Day program drew hundreds of women from across the division for games, raffles, poetry recitals, and awards honoring senior mothers in the community.

Meanwhile, in Pickstock, more than twelve hundred mothers attended a Mother's Day celebration hosted at the Belize Civic Center. One mother received the surprise of the afternoon when she was presented with the keys to a brand-new two-bedroom home, while dozens of others received household appliances and furniture.

The Belize City Council also launched a social media Mother's Day giveaway, encouraging residents to share family photos and messages celebrating their mothers, adding another layer to the nationwide tributes taking place throughout the weekend.

In Cayo District, celebrations ranged from city events to river gatherings and village festivities. In Belmopan, Hon Mira and Mayor Cawich hosted mothers at Sir George Brown Park in recognition of the love and dedication they continue to show their families and communities. Benque Viejo Town Council organized both a Mother's Day celebration and



a river party that brought together families, vendors, and local businesses in a festive atmosphere.

San Ignacio and Bullet Tree Falls also hosted celebrations over two days, where families gathered for music, food, and tributes honoring mothers and grandmothers. Another event is still scheduled for May 17 at the El Cayo boardwalk, where mothers from Cayo Northeast will be celebrated with music, prizes, and entertainment.

Further south in Toledo, heartfelt tributes highlighted the importance of mothers as the "heartbeat of our homes and the soul of our communities." In Punta Gorda, mothers, grandmothers, and guardians were celebrated during an evening event hosted by the town council, while leaders across Toledo East and Toledo West encouraged residents to continue showing appreciation for mothers not just on one day, but year-round.

Across Belize, this year's Mother's Day celebration reflected more than entertainment and giveaways. From villages in the north to communities in the south, the events served as reminders of the vital role mothers play in holding families together, guiding future generations, and strengthening the nation one home at a time. - EF

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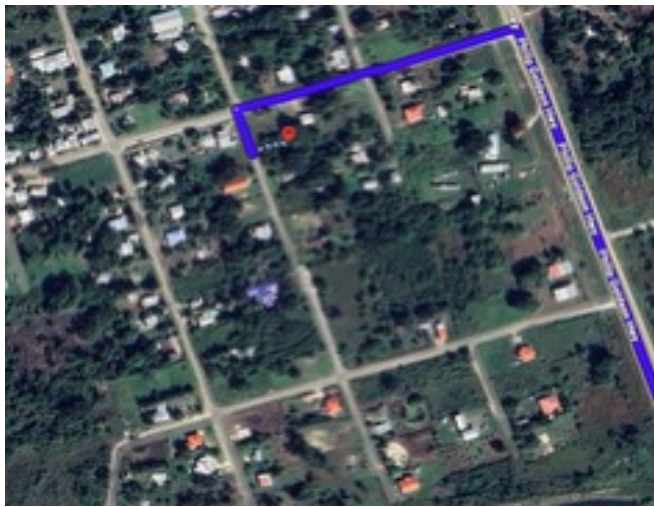
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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2026

Hon. Fonseca's Freetown



Hon. Henry Usher's Fort George



Benque Town Council



Belmopan City Council



Punta Gorda Town Council



Hon. Thea García Ramirez's Corozal Bay



Hon. Balona's Cayo Central w/ Councillor Aaron Mai



Hon. Monchi's OW North



Hon. Gilroy Usher's Port Loyola



San Pedro Town Council



Hon. Chebat's Cayo North



Hon. Musa's Caribbean Shores



Hon. Daly's Collet



Hon. Mahler's Pickstock



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Belize Marks Youth-Focused Panel Discussion 52 Years in CARICOM

*“Building Skills, Expanding Access, and Contributing to Belize:
What CARICOM Means for You”*

May 12, 2026 - As part of the annual CARICOM Week activities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade hosted a panel discussion on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, under the theme, “Your Future, Your Region.”

The event took place at the Ministry’s headquarters in Belmopan, bringing together students, young professionals, and educators from secondary and tertiary institutions for an engaging discussion on the opportunities CARICOM creates for Belizeans.

The panel discussion, titled “Building Skills, Expanding Access, and Contributing to Belize: What CARICOM Means for You,” explored how regional integration continues to support education, skills development, entrepreneurship, professional mobility, and regional collaboration across the Caribbean.



The discussion featured an accomplished panel of professionals whose careers reflect the impact of regional engagement and leadership. Panelists shared personal experiences, insights on professional growth, and perspectives on how young Belizeans can take advantage of opportunities available through CARICOM while contributing meaningfully to national development.

The event also highlighted the importance of preparing Belize’s youth to compete and succeed in an increasingly interconnected region and global economy. Participants were encouraged to engage actively, ask questions, and explore the many pathways available through regional cooperation.



Delivering the welcome remarks, Hon. Marconi Leal Jr., Minister of State for Foreign Trade, reflected on Belize’s longstanding commitment to regional cooperation since joining CARICOM in 1974. He emphasized that CARICOM is not only about institutions and agreements, but about people and the opportunities created through collective regional development.

Addressing the young audience in attendance, Minister Leal encouraged participants to view themselves as active contributors to Belize’s future and the advancement of the wider Caribbean region.

The Ministry expressed appreciation to the moderators, panelists, participating institutions, and attendees for contributing to a meaningful and forward-looking dialogue during CARICOM Week 2026.

As Belize continues to strengthen its role within CARICOM, the event reinforced the value of regional unity, shared opportunity, and youth empowerment in shaping the future of both Belize and the Caribbean community. (release)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS) PROJECT MANAGER, PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST, FINANCIAL SPECIALIST, ACCOUNTS CLERK, MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST AND SOCIAL SPECIALIST



Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Program to Improve Labor Force Participation and Employability in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1050
Duration: Twenty-four (24) Months
Duty Station: Ministry of Finance, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: June 4th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank for the execution of the “Program to Improve Labor Force Participation and Employability in Belize”, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance (MOF).

The MOF, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the Project financing to engage the contractual services of the following key positions, for the execution of the Program:

1. **Project Manager**
2. **Procurement Specialist**
3. **Financial Specialist**
4. **Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist**
5. **Social Specialist**
6. **Accounts Clerk**

The MOF invites suitably qualified individuals to access the full versions of the Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) and Terms of Reference for these six (6) positions at <http://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/>, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full versions of the REOI.

ATTN:
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz



**Ref: Individual Consultancy – “Name of Position” –
Program to Improve Labor Force Participation and Employability in Belize–
[Name of Applicant]**



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Consultancy Services to conduct the Midterm Evaluation for the
Program for Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in
Belize– BL-L1039

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039 – P00052
Deadline: May 29th, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the – “Program for Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize (DIBE)” being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to procure the services of an Individual Consultant to conduct the **Midterm Evaluation for the Program for Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize**.

The Ministry of Finance invites interested individuals to access the full version of this request for expression of interest online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their application in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

Sr. Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize
Email: procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

**Ref: Consultancy Service to conduct the Midterm Evaluation for the DIBE
Program (BL-L1039) – Your name**

State of Emergency Increased Security Measures Citizen Safety FIRST

May 12, 2026 - The Government of Belize has moved swiftly to address escalating violence in parts of Belize City and the Belize District with the declaration of a limited State of Public Emergency, a decision that is aimed at protecting lives, restoring public confidence, and preventing further bloodshed.

Governor-General Dame Froyla Tzalam signed Statutory Instrument No. 49 of 2026 on May 8, invoking Section 18 of the Belize Constitution following recommendations from national security officials. The emergency declaration covers several areas on both the Southside and Northside of Belize City, along with communities in the rural Belize District, including Ladyville, Burrell Boom, Bermudian Landing, Lemonal, Rancho Dolores, and Double Head Cabbage Village.

Authorities stressed that the measure is not a blanket crackdown on residents, but rather a focused and intelligence-driven operation targeting individuals believed to be involved in serious criminal activity.

Commissioner of Police Dr. Richard Rosado explained that the decision followed extensive security assessments and on-the-ground intelligence gathering. *“The decision was not made lightly for the state of emergency, but we believe that it was necessary based on the intelligence we have gathered and on the ground assessment that has indicated an imminent danger to life and property,”* he stated.

According to police, nine individuals from Belize City were initially detained and transported to the Kolbe Foundation managed Central Prison shortly after the declaration came into effect. Officials indicated that those detained are linked not only to gang-related activity but also to ongoing investigations into recent murders and shooting incidents.

Compol Rosado stated that this latest approach differs from previous SOEs because of its limited and targeted scope. *“This SOE basically not only targets shooters but also the influencers and the leaders, while it is limited, it is targeted.”*

The Commissioner also sought to reassure residents that law-abiding citizens would not be negatively affected by the measures. *“I can assure the law-abiding citizens that they have nothing to worry about in reference to the state of emergency, as the state of emergency is targeted and it is specific to certain individuals.”*

Deputy Commissioner of Police Bart Jones further clarified that Statutory Instrument No. 50 outlines the regulations guiding how the emergency powers will be enforced.

“Statutory instrument number fifty sets out the regulations that govern the implementation of that proclamation and how we are supposed to execute the state of emergency,” he explained. Jones noted that enforcement

would rely heavily on intelligence-led policing rather than indiscriminate detentions.

Specialized police units, particularly the GI3 unit, will oversee enforcement operations, while regular patrol officers will not be directly responsible for implementing emergency regulations. Officials believe this structure will improve accountability and reduce unnecessary confrontations with residents.

Commissioner Rosado described the initiative as a modernized crime-fighting strategy while main-

taining transparency and public trust.

“We have necessary mechanisms in place to ensure that those individuals who are placed under a state of emergency go through a thorough vetting process,” he said. *“We have a more accountable process.”*

The emergency measures also place attention on protecting young people in vulnerable communities. Under the regulations, unaccompanied minors found in designated areas between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. may be intercepted by police officers.

Jones stressed that the intention is preventative rather than punitive: *“We will try to enforce to ensure that minors are not just wandering about in the declared area.”*

He added that special procedures have been established to protect the rights of minors should detention ever become necessary.

The declaration reflects the government’s commitment to confronting organized crime before violence spirals further. The administration has repeatedly stated that citizen security remains a national priority and that proactive intervention is necessary to safeguard communities affected by gang tensions and retaliatory attacks.

The State of Public Emergency will remain in effect for up to one month unless revoked earlier, though the National Assembly retains the authority to extend it if security conditions require additional measures.

For many residents living in affected communities, the hope is that the operation will bring a period of calm, stability, and reassurance at a time when concerns about violence and public safety continue to weigh heavily across the country. - EF



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of BELIZE



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The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its General Services Department.

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Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 27 May 2026:**

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
- Two (2) current references (at least one must be from a previous or current employer)

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Administrative Assistant- General Services

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

NICH-BEL

New Solar Power System Xunantunich Electrified

The Belize Electricity Limited and the National Institute of Culture and History have commissioned a new solar power system at the Xunantunich Archaeological Reserve, electrifying the site for the first time since its opening almost 30 years ago.

The installed system comprises a 10 kW inverter paired with a 11.00 kWp solar photovoltaic (PV) array, capable of generating up to 1,500 kWh of clean energy per month. This is complemented by a 21 kWh battery storage system, which enables reliable power supply during nighttime hours and periods of low solar generation.

Key benefits include:



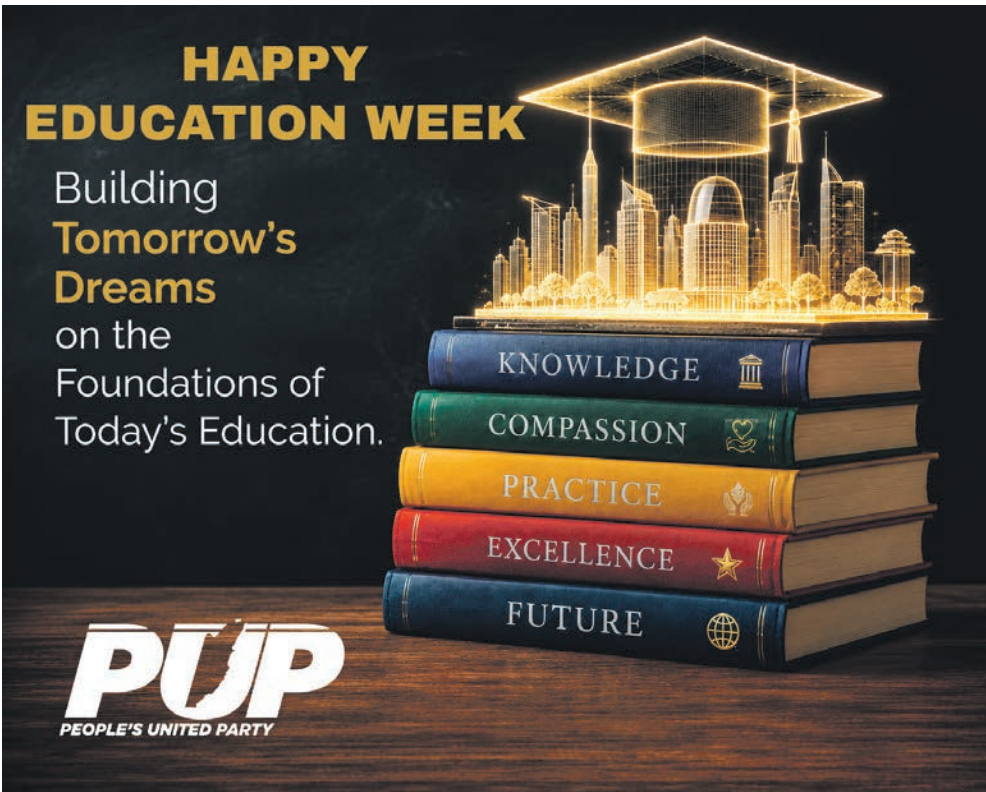
- Digital Integration: Enabling the expansion of e-ticketing and modern communication systems.
- Enhanced Experience: Improving onsite services for visitors and working conditions for safety stakeholders.
- Sustainability: Reducing the carbon footprint of one of Belize's most visited heritage sites.

This partnership underscores a joint commitment to cultural preservation and renewable energy, ensuring the long-term protection of Xunantunich for future generations. (post)

@belize.electricity.limited

Kudos must be put out to this collaborative effort as Belize opens itself out to the world. It is easy to see the plus in a site that can be lit at night. Visiting a tourist destination or a site at night opens up a whole new world. One can only imagine how our ancestors lived during the night. They most likely had different sources of light.

Congratulations to NICH and BEL, Belize is already looking forward to more.





Request for Proposals
Specialized Technical Monitoring Services



May 8, 2026:

1. RESOURCES SOURCE

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is providing total financing for the selection and hiring of a consulting firm that will provide Specialized Technical Monitoring Services to the BISP, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) for which CABEI has approved the resources.

2. EXECUTING AND CONTRACTING AGENCY OF THE TENDER PROCESS

2.1. The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) is the Executing Agency of the Contracting Party. It intends to use a portion of the funds of this financing to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this invitation to Bid is being issued.

2.2. The Belize Integral Security Programme is responsible for this selection process, for which it invites eligible consulting firms to submit proposals to develop the consultancy.

2.3. The consulting firm will be selected through an international competition in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration established in the Policy for the Obtaining of Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies with CABEI Resources and its Norms for Application found on the following Website: <https://www.bcie.org>

3. PRESENTATION OF THE COMPETITION PROCESS

1.1. The General objective of the consultancy to be carried out is to provide Specialized Technical Monitoring Services to the BISP. The Contractor shall function as a dynamic element in the execution of the Program, serving as a link between the Executing Agency, the Executing Unit and CABEI, facilitating compliance with the Bank's procedures and regulations, making available, when necessary, the appropriate personnel to carry out the required activities and promoting the streamlining of the processes associated with the Program, as well as the periodic monitoring of infrastructure projects and goods that require it.

1.2. The contractor makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this consultancy that is necessary for the preparation of the proposals.

This information will be available free of charge:

a. Information package can be requested from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, at: technical_monitoring.bisp@met.gov.bz, and copy: projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz and adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz

1.3. Proposals must be sent to the address listed below no later than **June 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**

Submission of proposals electronically will not be permitted. Late proposals will not be accepted.

The proposals will be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the bidders and any person who decides to attend, at the address indicated below, on **June 23, 2026, at 10:15 a.m.**

3.4 The address mentioned above is:

Elvis Requena
Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Programme Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor

TENDER NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB) for Non-Consulting Services PROVISION OF SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES FOR THE BELIZE SENIOR COURTS AND RELATED FACILITIES

The Senior Courts of Belize invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified licensed security companies for the provision of general security, surveillance, and related security support services for the Belize Senior Courts and associated facilities, for a period of **two (2) years**, commencing **June 1, 2026**, and ending **May 31, 2028**.

The security services shall cover the following locations and assignment:

1. **Senior Court Building, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court Law Library Building** - Belize City - Belize City
2. **Old Treasury Building** -Belize City
3. **Old National Bank Building** -Belize City
4. **Chief Justice’s Residence** – Belize City
5. **Residences of the Justices of the Senior Courts** – (4) Belize City, (2) Belmopan
6. **Daily bank deposits for the General Registry Department** – Belize City

Scope of Services

The services shall include, but not be limited to, access control, surveillance, monitoring of assigned premises, protection of personnel and property, incident reporting, crowd control where necessary, support to court security operations, and secure escort services for daily bank deposits.

Except for the daily bank deposits for the General Registry Department, all security services required under this tender shall be provided by unarmed security personnel. Armed security shall be required only for the daily bank deposit assignment. The winning company will be required to submit valid police records for all listed/ proposed guards under this contract.

The successful bidder shall be required to provide security and surveillance services as follows:

No.	Location / Assignment	Type of Security	Number of Guards	Days Required	Hours Required
1	Senior Court Building	Unarmed	7 guards	Monday to Friday	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
		Unarmed	2 guards	7 days per week	6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
		Unarmed	2 guards	Weekends	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2	Old Treasury Building	Unarmed	3 guards	Monday to Friday	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
		Unarmed	2 guards	7 days per week	6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
3	Old Treasury Building Cashier	Unarmed	1 guard	Monday to Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
		Unarmed	1 guard	Friday	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
4	Old National Bank Building	Unarmed	2 guards	7 days per week	24-hour security
5	Chief Justice’s Residence	Unarmed	1 guard	7 days per week	24-hour security
6	Residences of the Justices of the Senior Courts	Unarmed	6 guards	7 days per week	12-hour security
7	Daily Bank Deposits for the General Registry Department	Armed escort/service	As required	Daily (as required)	For secure movement and deposit of funds

The coverage requirements stated above include public and bank holidays. Bidders must, therefore, ensure that their proposed staffing plan and financial proposal fully account for service requirements on such days.

Eligibility and Minimum Requirements

Interested bidders must submit evidence of the following requirements:

1. A **company profile** outlining the company’s history, expertise, and qualifications.
2. A detailed description of the **work schedule and approach** to perform the service, including information on staffing and deployment plan for all assigned locations, adequate guard deployment capacity to perform the required services and capacity to provide armed security for daily bank deposits

3. Valid **Trade License**
4. **Certificate of Incorporation**
5. Valid **Certificates of Good Standing** from the Belize Tax Service, the Social Security Board and the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry
6. Valid **firearm licences** and authorizations for any armed personnel proposed for the bank deposit assignment
7. Employer’s Liability **Insurance**
8. Public Liability and/or Third-Party Liability Insurance
9. A **list of contracts** with existing or previous customers with whom similar work has been conducted, particularly from government agencies or other large companies/ organizations.
10. List three (3) **reference letters** from past clients
11. Proposed **supervision and reporting arrangements**
12. Proposed **emergency response and incident reporting procedures**
13. **Financial proposal** showing the cost of services for the full two-year period

Site Visits

Bidders may choose to visit the facilities to be guarded to properly assess the requirements and prepare their bids. The cost incurred to visit the facilities and to prepare and submit bids shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder.

Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted for the entire scope of services. Bids submitted for partial scope of services will be disqualified.

Bid prices must be in Belize Dollars and include all applicable taxes.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked:

“BID FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE BELIZE SENIOR COURTS AND RELATED FACILITIES”

One (1) original and two (2) copies of Bids must be delivered no later than: **Friday, May 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Belize Time** to:

**Finance Officer
Belize Senior Courts
Treasury Lane
Belize City, Belize**

Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

The lowest-priced bid will not necessarily be accepted.

Clarifications

Requests for clarification must be submitted by email to **financeofficer@belizejudiciary.org** no later than **Monday, May 18, 2026**.

Reservation of Rights

The Senior Courts of Belize, through the General Registry Department, reserves the right to cancel this tender process at any time without providing any explanation and without incurring any cost.

Min of Immigration (Refugees Department)
UNHCR – UN RA – Gov’t of Japan
Organized Stakeholder Consultations
Reviewing Refugees Act

San Ignacio, Belize May 7 – The Refugees Department of the Ministry of Immigration, Governance and Labour, in collaboration with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and with the generous financial support of the Government of Japan, has organized Stakeholder Consultations to review and update Belize’s Refugees Act.

These consultations are being conducted under the joint project between the Refugees Department and UNHCR, Supporting Strengthening the Asylum System and Protection for Refugees in Belize, funded by the Government of Japan. The consultations aim to ensure that the voices and perspectives of all relevant stakeholders are meaningfully reflected in the proposed amendments to the Refugees Act.

The review seeks to align Belize’s legislation fully with the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, incorporate international best practices, and respond to new realities in asylum and international protection within Belize.

“With the support of the Government of Japan, UNHCR is proud to accompany Belize in strengthening its asylum system. As we mark the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention this year, these consultations reaffirm its continuing relevance and commitment to the rights and principles it enshrines. They also represent an important step toward ensuring Belize’s adherence to its obligations under the Convention,” said Mariya Voloshkevich, Officer-in-Charge for UNHCR in Belize, “By advancing legislative reforms, Belize is reinforcing dignified access to asylum, ensuring fair and timely processing of claims, enhancing efficient decision-making, and expanding pathways to sustainable solutions for refugees”.

Adopted in the aftermath of the Second World War, the 1951 Refugee Convention established a global commitment to ensure that people forced to flee war and persecution are protected. It provides the internationally recognized definition of a refugee and outlines the legal protection, rights, and

assistance to which refugees are entitled. Belize acceded to the Convention and its 1967 Protocol in 1990.

“The Government of Japan is honored to support Belize in its efforts to strengthen the asylum system and ensure protection for those seeking refuge. These consultations reflect the importance of international cooperation and shared

responsibility in upholding the principles of the 1951 Refugee Convention. By working together with UNHCR and the Government of Belize, we reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding human dignity and advancing solutions that benefit both refugees and host communities,” – said Ms Yumiko Shinya, the Charge d’affaires a.i. of the Embassy of Japan.

“Belize is committed to building a fair, efficient, and modern asylum system that upholds the dignity and rights of those seeking international protection. These stakeholder

consultations ensure that diverse perspectives are included in shaping the Refugees Act. With the support of UNHCR and the Government of Japan, we are reinforcing our legal safeguards and strengthening national capacity to respond to evolving asylum needs. This process reflects our dedication to international standards and to fostering a system that benefits both refugees and the people of Belize,” – said Mr. Nikolai Zelaya, the Director of the Refugees Department, Ministry of Immigration, Governance and Labour. (post)



MEDIA RELEASE

HANTAVIRUS

Current risk to the Caribbean:

LOW

In the Americas, hantaviruses are most commonly transmitted by wild field rodents rather than urban rat populations, where transmission is less likely. Although human-to-human transmission of hantavirus is possible, it is rare.



CURRENT SITUATION

WHO reported a hantavirus cluster linked to cruise ship travel. As of 6 May 2026: 8 cases (3 confirmed, 5 suspected) and 3 deaths.



Vessel Surveillance



Rodent Control



Sanitation & Hygiene



Early Reporting



CARPHA’s Tourism and Health Information System (THIS) and the Caribbean Vessel Surveillance System (CVSS), support early detection of public health threats aboard vessels.



Read the full Media Release



Government of Belize Joins Fragments of Hope and Global Partners in International Coral Population Management Workshop



fully dedicated to funding global research and development for both tropical and cold-water coral conservation and restoration.

Fragments of Hope hosted the workshop. It convened an international consortium of project partners, including the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity, University of Miami, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, Boston University, Tufts University, Species360, and

the Bay Islands Conservation Association. The collaboration brings together experts from four countries with specialized expertise in coral genetics, population management, coral reef restoration, statistical modelling, photogrammetric modelling, and data science.

The workshop also welcomed attendees and collaborators from the University of Belize, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and UC San Diego, further expanding knowledge exchange, perspectives, and regional collaboration throughout the week.

This initiative directly supports Belize's national coral reef restoration and conservation priorities by advancing the development of a user-friendly, science-based

population management pipeline for corals. The project aims to enable informed, data-driven decision-making for the management of critically endangered coral species, with a strong emphasis on promoting genetic diversity, climate resilience, and long-term ecosystem survival.



A key outcome of the COR-POP project is the creation of a scalable, open-source population-management pipeline designed specifically to be accessible to low-resource coral management and restoration practitioners. By lowering technical and financial barriers, the tools developed under this initiative are intended to serve not only Belize, but also as a model that can be adapted and replicated in other coral reef programs regionally and globally.

The MBEMC's participation underscores the Government's commitment to integrating cutting-edge science into national marine conservation and restoration efforts. The involvement of the BBFPU also reflects the alignment of scientific innovation with Belize's long-term sustainable financing and ocean governance frameworks. (release)



PRACTICAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete attached application form
- Transcript from previous educational institution
- Certificate from High School/ Associate degree in Science
- Social Security card
- Acceptance letter from University
- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Police Record
- One Passport sized picture
- Reference letter from a teacher and employer
- Must be Belizean

Apply by: June 29, 2026



Government of
BELIZE



Voice of the Common Man

Cost of Living Versus Disposable Income: The Imbecilities of Politics

By Hilly Bennett

In an article by Research Gates on the “imbecilities of politics” by Jacopo Marchetti, University of Pisa it suggested that “Ignorance of political related-issues has long been considered a threat to democracy.” Moral Foundation Theory also suggests that moral intuitions are robust determinants of people’s political view as they make factual knowledge partially irrelevant and also make people with different moral minds unable to understand the basis of reciprocal factual argumentations.

Clearly, the topic of cost of living and whether wages are offsetting the effects have become an adequate political fodder for the LOO Tracy Tager-Panton, the rake and scrape sycophants and the UDP aligned media. Undoubtedly, the political silly season has begun as the country move towards the Municipal Elections of 2027. The cost of living effect is being used as a political leverage. One political imbecility was Broadster’s gimmick to leverage votes by inducing individuals with a handful of twenty dollar bills as his way of dealing with the rise in the price of fuel at one of the Ladyville gas station.

Whilst cost of living and the inflationary trap is a reality, the portrayal of the doom and gloom sufferation is misguided by those trying to recuperate from being flung to the bottom of the UDP morass since the PUP’s landslide victory in 2020. Upon taking over government, unemployment was reduced bringing down the rate of poverty. For thirteen years under the UDP, the masses were crying out for a life changing opportunity. On December 22, 2022 the Government of Belize legislated for an increase in the minimum wage, effective January 1, 2023 from \$3.30 per hour to \$5 per hour benefitting 40, 000 Belizeans. This increase also impacted the indigent and poor population. Another relief that has gone unnoticed is the increase in taxable income from 26,000 to 29, 000, which contributes to an increase in disposable income.

On a media morning show, the host suggested that Belizeans are grappling with a very high cost of living but wages are not measuring up to the amount

actually spent on a weekly or monthly basis. Giacomo Sanchez, the President of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) considered 8dollar per hour optimal in terms of keeping up with inflation. Interestingly, the Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs) that provides 20, 000 jobs serving young professionals, experienced supervisors and managers, IT specialist, quality analysts, and support team across Belize are paying \$10 and \$12 per hour, beyond the optimal wage to offset the inflation trap, strongly indicating the existence of disposable income and great spending power, in that sector alone. Ryan Rosado, Policy Analyst of BCCI proffered that from 2010 to 2020 there was minimal wage growth in the country, however between 2020 to 2023 the median wage increased around 25%. According to Rosado there was a huge wage growth in the last few years. Consequently, it is evident that there is more money going into the pocketbooks of the masses.

One of the greatest indicator that cost of living is not having the kind of effect on the pockets of the Belizean public is the massive attendance at the musical concerts and other events. Another is the day to day shopping and crowded aisle at the supermarkets. Vehicles are still crowding the fuel stations. People understand the inflationary effect is caused by global disorders. Belizeans understand that they have choices.

Understandably, in every society, pockets of individuals struggle with cost of living but in Belize the government continue to engage initiative to better the lives of its citizens. This is evidenced in Prime Minister, John Briceño summary to Parliament on some of the accomplishments of the PUP since taking office. On the minimum wage increase, PM Briceño said, *“When you have more money you could buy more and when you buy more, the businesses do more and they could hire more people, and have more jobs and more jobs and this is how you grow the economy.”* Undeniably, under the John Briceño administration the pocketbook is measuring up to the artificial increase in prices due to the global conflicts.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OFFICER

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-CEU-460436-CS-INDV
Duration: Two (2) Years
Duty Station: Ministry of Natural Resources, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: May 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project” to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage the contractual services of a **“Policy Implementation and Monitoring Officer under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining”**.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-policy-implementation-and-monitoring-officer-individual-consultant-bz-ceu-460436-cs-indv-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
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Ref: Individual Consultancy – “PIM Officer” – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant’s Name].



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

NATIONAL SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATOR - MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PETROLEUM AND MINING

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-CEU-460214-CS-INDV
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining. Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: May 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project” to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage the contractual services of a **“National Spatial Data Infrastructure Administrator” under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining**.

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Ref: Individual Consultancy – “NSDI Administrator” – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant’s Name].

Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations Belize Elected to the Executive Council

May 13, 2026 - Belize has been elected to serve on the Executive Council of the Inter- American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT) for the 2026–2027 term during the Administrative Session of the 60th CIAT General Assembly held on May 11, 2026, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

The election represents a significant milestone for Belize. It reflects the growing recognition of the country’s ongoing efforts to modernize and strengthen tax administration through digital transformation, international cooperation, and institutional reform.



The newly elected Executive Council will be chaired by Mr. Pedro Porfirio Urrutia of the Dominican Republic as President, and will include representatives from Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Curaçao, Colombia, the Netherlands, and Panama.

Belize will be represented on the Executive Council by Mrs. Michelle Longsworth, Director General of the Belize Tax Service.

The CIAT Executive Council is one of the organization’s principal governing bodies. It plays an important role in guiding the strategic direction and cooperation agenda of the organization among member countries.

The Government of Belize and the Belize Tax Service Department expressed sincere appreciation to the member countries of CIAT for the confidence placed in Belize through this election.

Director General Michelle Longsworth noted that Belize remains committed to contributing meaningfully to regional and international collaboration in tax administration and to sharing its experiences in areas such as digital transformation, taxpayer services, data-driven compliance management, transparency initiatives, and institutional modernization.

Mrs. Longsworth further highlighted that the Belize Tax Service Department has benefited significantly from the longstanding technical cooperation and support provided by CIAT throughout Belize’s tax administration reform journey. Over the years, CIAT has played an important role in supporting several modernization initiatives focused on strengthening operational efficiency, institutional capacity, digital

transformation, and the modernization of tax administration processes and services.

She also emphasized that Belize is now advancing the implementation of Electronic Invoicing, one of the administration’s most transformative digital initiatives. Through this initiative, Belize is positioning itself as a leading English-speaking jurisdiction within the CIAT community in the implementation of modern Electronic Invoicing standards, reinforcing its commitment to digital transformation and data-driven tax administration.

The Electronic Invoicing initiative

is expected to significantly enhance real- time transaction reporting, improve compliance monitoring capabilities, strengthen transparency, and support more effective, data-driven tax administration.

Belize’s election to the Executive Council comes at a time when the country continues to advance major reform initiatives, including strengthening digital tax administration systems, enhancing international tax cooperation frameworks, and the ongoing transition toward a modern, semi-autonomous revenue authority.

The 60th CIAT General Assembly, hosted by the Dirección General de Impuestos Internos (DGII) of the Dominican Republic, is being held under the theme “Digital Transformation of Tax Administrations” and brings together leaders of tax administrations and international organizations from around the world to discuss emerging trends, innovation, and the future of tax administration in an increasingly digital global environment. (release)



Specific Procurement Notice



Request for Bids Small Works (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Belize
Name of Project: Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project
Contract Title: UB Central Farm Meat Processing Plant
Loan No./Credit No/ Grant No.: P172592
RFB Reference No.: BZ-SIF-549020-CW-RFB

1. The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Construction of UB Central Farm Meat Processing Plant.
2. The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of the UB Central Farm Meat Processing Plant.
3. Bidding will be conducted through a national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Belize Social Investment Fund, Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org and inspect the bidding document during office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the address given below.
5. The bidding document in English may be requested by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before May 29th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on May 29th, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a “Bid Security” of BZD\$19,311.00
8. “Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder’s beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.”
9. The address referred to above is:

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone: +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org
Cc : jahnina.reyes@sifbelize.org

Digital-Driven Healthcare Transformation:
**A New Chapter of
Holistic Care in Taiwan**

Dr. Chung-Liang Shih, Minister of Health and Welfare

As the world confronts the challenges of population aging and healthcare workforce shortages, digital transformation in healthcare is no longer optional but essential. Taiwan has introduced the “Healthy Taiwan” vision, placing “driving digital healthcare” at its core. By integrating big data, artificial intelligence (AI), and cloud technologies, the system aims to improve healthcare quality and efficiency while moving toward a new healthcare model centered on holistic, person-centered care.

Taiwan benefits from both a robust ICT industry and the foundation of its National Health Insurance (NHI) system, which has accumulated high-quality healthcare data over time and laid a critical foundation for smart healthcare development. Building on this, we have introduced a national digital health platform known as the “3-3-3 Framework,” integrating three major health spaces, three key health data standards, and three National AI governance centers to establish a comprehensive digital health infrastructure. Under this framework, we are promoting the integration of electronic medical records across more than 400 hospitals nationwide and adopting international standards such as Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) to ensure cross-institutional interoperability. Within a Zero Trust cybersecurity framework, healthcare data can be securely shared and effectively utilized.

With these policies in place, tangible results are already beginning to emerge. In chronic disease management, the “Family Physician Platform” incorporates AI-based risk prediction to support physicians in delivering personalized care, facilitating a shift from reactive treatment to proactive health management. In terms of healthcare data integration, the MediCloud system provides real-time access to patient records and medication information, while enhanced visualization of examination results and AI-assisted medical imaging interpretation further improve healthcare quality and patient safety.

Personal health management has also been strengthened. The “My Health Bank” platform has surpassed a 50% adoption rate and can be integrated with data from wearable devices, encouraging individuals to take a more active role in managing their health. In digitalization of cancer treatment, Taiwan utilizes the FHIR standard to exchange Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) data, accelerating the review process for catastrophic illness certification and related medical use, thereby improving access to timely treatment. In addition, the promotion of virtual health insurance cards, e-prescriptions, and telemedicine services is effectively overcoming temporal and geographical barriers, expanding access to rural and home-based care.

Taiwan has established a comprehensive governance framework to advance the development of clinical AI. Nineteen national medical AI centers have been established, covering responsible governance, clinical validation, and impact evaluation, ensuring that AI is safe and reliable across the entire process from development to application. To date, more than 50 AI medical products have received regulatory approval, supporting early cancer detection, prediction of cardiac events, and clinical decision making support. Taiwan also has 13 hospitals ranked among Newsweek’s “World’s Best Smart Hospitals 2026,” placing second in Asia and demonstrating strong international competitiveness. In addition, Taiwan is advancing federated learning platforms that enable cross-institutional and cross-border AI model validation without transferring sensitive data, and has begun collaborating with partners in South-east Asia to establish trusted international data-sharing models.

Diseases know no borders, and global health governance requires comprehensive collaboration. Taiwan has established a smart healthcare ecosystem driven by data, enabled by AI, and supported by interoperable standards, extending medical services from hospitals into communities and daily life and realizing holistic care. Taiwan’s practical experience demonstrates that we are capable of contributing to the international community. However, Taiwan continues to be ex-

cluded from full participation in the World Health Organization and its related mechanisms. United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 and World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution 25.1 neither mention Taiwan nor exclude Taiwan from participating in WHO and the WHA.

We sincerely urge WHO and relevant stakeholders to support Taiwan’s inclusion in the global health system, thereby strengthening its completeness and resilience. Taiwan will continue to advance smart healthcare through digital innovation and contribute to global health and well-being. Together, we can realize the vision of health as a fundamental human right as set forth in the WHO Constitution, as well as the commitment of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals to leave no one behind.

**Ministry of Human Development,
Family Support and Gender Affairs**
**National Validation Workshop on Policy
Draft National Parenting Support
the Art of Parenting**

May 7 - The Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, in collaboration with UNICEF Belize, the National Committee for Families and Children (NCFC), and the Department of Human Services, are participating in the National Validation Workshop for the Draft National Parenting Support Policy (2026–2035) and The Art of Parenting Guide held today in Belize City.

The workshop brings together key stakeholders to review and validate the proposed policy framework and parenting guide through presentations, group discussions, and collaborative working sessions. The initiative aims to strengthen parenting support systems across Belize by promoting positive parenting practices, family engagement, and the healthy development and protection of children.

Together, we continue working toward stronger families, safer communities, and brighter futures for Belize’s children (post)



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Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 27 May 2026:**

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
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Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

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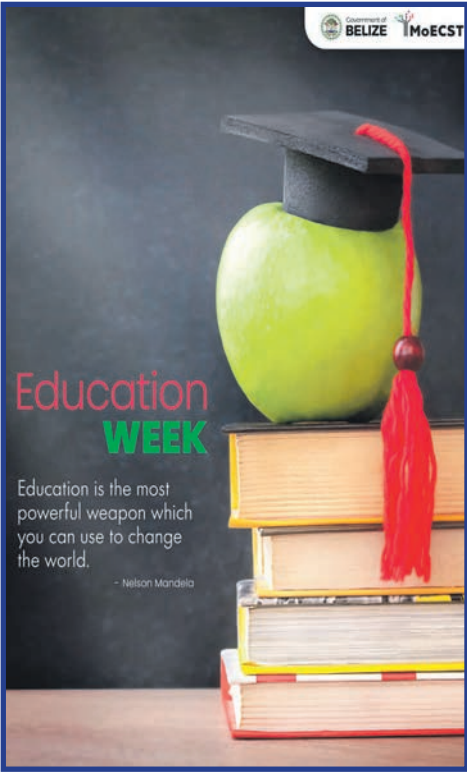
Notice is hereby given that **Badrul H. Munna** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Munna Grocery"** located at # 23 Wood Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xue Ying Chen/Guo Deng Chen** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dennis Kitchen"** located at # 67A George Price Hwy., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

**NATIONAL SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR - MINISTRY OF NATURAL
RESOURCES, PETROLEUM AND MINING**

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-CEU-460214-CS-INDV
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ministry of Natural Resources, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: May 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the "Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project" to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a **"National Spatial Data Infrastructure Assistant Administrator"** under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Expression of Interest and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-national-spatial-data-infrastructure-assistant-administrator-individual-consultant-bz-mfedi-ceu-522973-cs-indv-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:
Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: Individual Consultancy – "NSDI Assistant Administrator" – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant's Name].

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